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COLLAPSED POLES WITHIN )  
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Applicant: MOFFATT )  
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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

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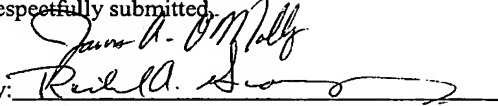
Applicant hereby advises the Examiner of corresponding United States patent application Serial No. 10/280,196 which was filed on October 25, 2002.

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